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Action Programs, Humanitarian Philosophy Combine to Produce National Attacks on Cruelty

Principal problems and tasks of the American humane movement were the heart of the agenda of the fourteenth annual conference of The Humane Society of the United States, held October 4-6 in Saddle Brook, New Jersey.

Members from nearly every part of the United States attended the conference and took part in vigorous discussions that led to important actions on basic Society policies and on future program. Many persons, long active in humane work, told HSUS officers that the three day conference was the most fruitful meeting of humane workers they had ever attended.

In the annual corporation meeting, held on the morning of the first day, HSUS President Mel L. Morse gave a detailed report of the Society's activities and plans. He described the aggressive action taken by The HSUS to stop the brutal clubbing of seals in the Pribilof Islands and the destruction of wild mustangs in Montana.

He reported on the rescue of suffering mules from the Poor People's March on Washington and the continuing campaigns to obtain some relief for animals suffering in laboratories, eliminate pet theft and plug loopholes existing in Public Law 89-544, the current law regulating certain suppliers of animals to medical research.

The HSUS President also spoke of the extensive work the Society has been doing in humane education, with particular emphasis on development of a suitable program for schools.

Treasurer William Kerber reported on the financial status of the Society. He asked for increased funds to expand its program into neglected areas of animal welfare.

On his doctor's orders, Board Chairman R. J. Chenoweth did not attend the conference. He was deeply missed by his many friends. HSUS counsel Murchaugh Stuart Madden delivered a special speech prepared by Mr. Chenoweth on what course should be charted by the American humane movement.

Mr. Chenoweth called for greater cooperation between humane organizations and urged that new ideas and methods not be resisted if they will help attain humanitarian goals.

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Doctor Krutch Given Highest Humanitarian Award by The HSUS

The HSUS has given its highest award, *American Humanitarian of the Year*, to famed philosopher and author, Joseph Wood Krutch of Tucson, Arizona. The award was announced at the Society's annual awards banquet on Saturday, October 5, during the annual conference.

Dr. Krutch was praised as an eloquent spokesman for the humane ethic. He was described as a teacher, an author, a critic, a philosopher, and a man of letters. His writings about nature, with his deep compassion and insight into man's humane relationship to the other forms of life on earth, were extolled as works which have won widespread sympathy and support for the moral and ethical precepts of humanitarianism.

The philosophy in Dr. Krutch's writings, which is so attuned to the humane philosophy, is best illustrated by his statement that "when a man wantonly destroys one of the works of man, we call him a Vandal. When he wantonly destroys one of the works of God, we call him a Sportsman."

Dr. Krutch could not be present at the conference to receive the award. His close friend and the editor who published one of his first books on nature, Mr. William Sloane of Rutgers University Press in New Brunswick, N. J., accepted it on his behalf.

Unlawful Release of Animals to Research Laboratories Bared in HSUS Probe of Ohio Dog Pound

HSUS investigation into the operation of the Muskingum County (Ohio) dog pound has disclosed that dogs are being illegally released to a laboratory animal dealer.

The dealer, Paul D. Anthony, reportedly holds the animals for sale to a large Pennsylvania supplier whose traffic in animals for research approximates 60,000 annually. Occasionally, Anthony himself sells the dogs (acquired without cost from the Muskingum County dog pound and other pounds) direct to research facilities. He is licensed under Public Law 89-544, the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act.

HSUS Field Service Director Frank McMahon exposed Anthony's dealings with county dog wardens in a recent probe. He criticized both the care and disposal of animals at the Muskingum County pound. He pointed out to the County Commissioners that Ohio law requires, after dogs are kept the legal, mandatory period of 3 days, they be humanely destroyed, or sold direct to Ohio research institutions certified by the Ohio Public Health Council. They cannot therefore, McMahon charged, be given away or sold to dog dealers. In fact, he said, Ohio's Attorney General, William Saxbe, had specifically ruled against it.

McMahon also confronted Muskingum County's dog warden. He demanded to know how the dealer had access to the dogs in the local pound.

The warden admitted that Anthony had a key to the pound and could come and go as he pleased. He also admitted that the county pound wasn't "the only county" where this situation existed. "But I'm going to let the other wardens speak for themselves," he said.

After telling the County Commissioners that he could not see how they could condone an operation so obviously a violation of the law, The HSUS Field Service Director warned he would ask

for an investigation by Attorney General Saxbe and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "The whole mess of research animal suppliers in Ohio needs thorough investigation," he said, "and, especially, in the county. I don't believe, gentlemen, that you realize the seriousness of the problem here."

But, apparently, the County Commissioners did understand for remedial action followed swiftly in the wake of McMahon's charges. The Commissioners voted unanimously to end further release of dogs to dealer Paul Anthony. This decision means a humane death for many dogs that would otherwise have to endure unknown suffering as experimental objects in research laboratories. And in rendering the decision, the Commission Chairman said there would be a change in the ways animals are now destroyed. The present method of shooting is humane only when carefully and expertly executed.

Meanwhile, the Muskingum County Humane and Animal Shelter Society has asked for transfer of the county's kennel operation to its new shelter. The HSUS agrees that this solution would be best for animals in the community and will continue to support efforts toward that end.

McMahon has also requested Muskingum County Prosecuting Attorney Richard E. Bridwell to look into the operation of the pound for evidence of violations of criminal law. Bridwell expressed his concern and promised his cooperation. McMahon has returned to Zanesville and the HSUS investigation is continuing.

Directors Named, Officers Elected At HSUS Meeting

In the annual election of HSUS Directors, announced at the corporation meeting during the October 4-6 conference, the following national Directors were re-elected: **Cleveland Amory**, New York, N. Y.; **Miss Grace Conahan**, Webster Groves, Mo.; **Oliver Evans**, Washington, D. C.; **Mrs. G. Martel Hall**, Nacogdoches, Tex.; **Jacques V. Sichel**, Union, N. J.; and **Mrs. Alice M. Wagner**, Springfield, N. J.

The **Reverend David Poling** of New York, N. Y., was elected to the Board of Directors for the first time.

The Board of Directors elected the following officers: **Coleman Burke**, Short Hills, N. J., Chairman; and **Mrs. Alice M. Wagner**, Springfield, N. J., Secretary.

R. J. Chenoweth of Kansas City, Mo., remains as a member of the Board. He has stepped down from the arduous duties of Chairman for health reasons. He suffered a heart attack earlier this year.

Miss Grace Conahan of Webster Groves, Mo., asked that she not be re-elected Secretary of the Board. After serving in that office for nearly ten years, she felt that another member of the Board should be elected in her place.

Officers re-elected by the Board were: **D. Collis Wager**, Utica, N. Y., Vice Chairman; **Mel L. Morse**, Washington, D. C., President; **William Kerber**, Washington, D. C., Treasurer; **Mrs. Moneta Morgan**, Seabrook, Md., Assistant Treasurer; and **Miss Marcia Glaser**, Washington, D. C., Assistant Secretary.

The HSUS Board of Directors also appointed **Patrick Parkes** as Executive Vice President. Parkes has been Director of the Service Department for five years. His new duties will include supervision of HSUS program and staff activities.

Four Elected Honorary Directors at National Leadership Conference

During the National Leadership Conference, The HSUS Board of Directors unanimously elected as Honorary Directors of the Society Mrs. George Jeffery, Short Hills, N. J., Carl O. Marty, Jr., Three Lakes, Wis., Dr. James Twyford Mehorter, Maplewood, N. J., and Mrs. Virginia Milliken, New York, N. Y.

All were cited for their loyalty, dedication, and imaginative contributions to the programs which The HSUS has been following through the years. They were praised for the time and energy they have devoted to helping build the Society into a powerfully protective force for animals.

It is expected that those elected will continue to contribute their special talents for the benefit of suffering animals and the humane movement generally.

HSUS Bestows High Memorial Honor on Deceased Members

Three deceased members and loyal supporters of The HSUS were honored at the recent annual conference.

Mrs. Mary H. Brown, Pasadena, California, Mrs. Alice B. Frankenberg, New York City, and Miss Tessie Jones, Newburgh, New York, were elected to the Society's special honor category, PERPETUAL MEMBER IN MEMORIAM. Their names will be inscribed on a special plaque on display at HSUS headquarters in Washington, D. C.

All three humanitarians were praised for their devotion and dedication to animal welfare during their lives. Their support of humane work was described as "special and significant" because it has helped make the world a better place for animals and for people.

Humane Societies Win Pet Seizure Battles in New York, California

The humane movement has won two significant battles against proposals to send impounded animals to research laboratories in California and New York. A third battle, still undecided, is raging in Prince George's County, Maryland.

In Modesto, Cal., the Modesto and Stanislaus County Humane Society led a successful fight to stop AZO Research Associates in Berkeley and Knudsen's Laboratories in Lathrop from buying for research stray pets collected in the city.

Schuyler Reed Hafely, President of the local society, testified before the Modesto City Council and produced a petition of over 1,000 signatures opposing the proposal. He introduced to the Council humane leaders and humanitarians who also voiced strong opposition.

The HSUS California Branch went on record against the proposal. Branch Executive Director Herbert N. Martin condemned it publicly as "a certainty to break down public confidence in the local pound since people, knowing that animals will go to research, will abandon them in the streets and byways rather than turn them in."

James Schroeder, field agent, represented the Branch at the Modesto City Council hearing. His effective testimony helped produce the 6 to 1 vote by which the seizure proposals were defeated.

The second victory was won in Tompkins County, New York, where the Animal Emergency Club of Ithaca had requested HSUS help against the proposed sale of animals to Cornell University. HSUS Field Service Director Frank McMahon went to Ithaca and testified at a public hearing before the County Board of Supervisors.

In his testimony, McMahon pointed out that the state Public Health law already allows seizure of animals and the Board of Supervisors was therefore being asked to approve something that Cornell University already could do

legally. He urged that they reject the unpopular program which would surely cause a collapse of confidence in local animal control work. He emphasized that adoption of the proposal would accomplish nothing except provide a cheap source of animals to a university receiving nearly \$7 million a year for research studies.

The Board of Supervisors voted not to send Tompkins County animals to Cornell University School of Veterinary Medicine.

Despite these victories, pound seizure continues to raise its ugly head. Even now, Maryland's Prince George's County Commissioners are debating the release of pound animals to area medical colleges. The HSUS and other organizations and individuals have made massive protest, but the proposal has not yet been defeated.

California Research Suppliers Arrested

The HSUS California Branch has announced the arrest of Daniel Owyang and Peter M. Zamboanga, partners in the firm of AZO Research Laboratories, a supplier of animals to research institutions.

The men were arrested and jailed after a raid in which animals were found without food or water in small, crowded cages. Dirt and animal fecal matter were several inches in depth.

The raiding party rescued 38 dogs and 27 cats. 13 dogs and 9 cats had to be euthanized immediately by veterinarians accompanying the party.

The animals are being held at the Berkeley Humane Society shelter pending disposition of the case. Charges were filed under the Penal Code of California and the case is also being pursued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

AZO Research Laboratories had been licensed as a dealer under P.L. 89-544 but voluntarily surrendered its license.

Awards Recognize Wide Variety of Humane Work

The HSUS awarded Certificates of Achievement at its conference this year to four humanitarians and one organization. The awards were made to show the humane movement's appreciation for distinctive and effective work in exposing and fighting cruelty to animals.

Mrs. Ann Gough Hunter, Chairman of the Texas Council for Animal Protection and Chairman of the Board of the Society for Animal Protection in Dallas, was cited for her outstanding work in exposing cruel "coon-on-a-log" contests and their variations.

As the prime mover in the Wyoming Humane Society and currently its Corresponding Secretary and Director, Mr. Harry E. Dearing has long been noted for his crusade against cruelty in rodeos, especially "steer busting." His years of admirable work were recognized by this award.

Mr. Lyndesay G. Langwill, now retired, has been an exceptional leader in international humane work. As Secretary and Treasurer of the Scottish SPCA and a member of the governing Council of the World Federation for the Protection of Animals, he has been very effective in furthering the humane cause universally.

Mrs. Frieda Walker, of Washington, D. C., has long been associated actively with humane societies and wildlife organizations. She has often participated in HSUS animal protection programs in the field and is an army unto herself in the humane cause.

Although The HSUS does not usually make awards to commercial firms, an exception was made this year in the case of Prentice-Hall, Inc. The publishing company has done much to promote the book, *Ordeal of the Animals*, with corresponding benefit to the humane movement generally. It is expected that, through this promotion, the book will reach many thousands, and perhaps millions, of people who otherwise might remain unaware of the great cruelties that are routinely inflicted upon animals in our society.

Court Action Brings Agreement; Federal Agency to Halt Mustang Kill in Pryor Mountains Range

Unable to move the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management through reason and protest, The HSUS went to court in late August to stop the slaughter of 200 wild mustangs in the Pryor Mountains range of Montana and Wyoming.

The Society and Wyoming rancher Lloyd Tillett of Lovell filed suit against U.S. Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall and other officials of the Bureau of Land Management. BLM had issued so many contradictory and arbitrary reports on the fate of the herd that The HSUS and other concerned organizations were certain the threat of extermination could not be eliminated except through court action.

BLM's claim that the 31,000-acre range was "worn out" and could not support the small herd was not substantiated. Humane organizations bitterly protested proposals to decimate the herd or eliminate it entirely.

The HSUS court complaint charged that around July 27 BLM had begun construction of fences to block access to one of the two water sources available to the mustang herd. Upon completion, a trap formed by fencing in the remaining water hole would force the mustangs to enter the trap or die of thirst.

The complaint also charged that BLM proposed to kill off the herd, stock the mountain range with Big Horn sheep, and open it as a hunting preserve.

In a hearing on the application for a restraining order, BLM officials stated that the Bureau had no intention of destroying the mustangs and that, if any decision were made, there would be ample opportunity for all to be heard and all rights to be preserved. On this basis, presiding Judge George L. Hart dismissed the HSUS request for a temporary injunction on the grounds that it was premature. He left standing, however, the Society's petition for a permanent injunction. The HSUS can therefore go back into court if the Bureau of Land Management decides to go ahead

with the destruction of the herd. It is considered likely that such action, if necessary, would be successful.

BLM has now designated the Pryor Mountains area a "wild horse and wild-life range." The Bureau has expressed willingness to establish long term management for both horses and wildlife. It has appointed a special advisory committee to study humane and practical means of operating the range.

The new committee includes representatives of wild horse organizations, humane societies, wildlife specialists, and other interested individuals and organizations. HSUS President Mel L. Morse has been appointed to serve on this committee.

It is expected that, faced with the threat of further HSUS legal action, BLM will now find a humane and satisfactory way of preserving both the Pryor Mountains range and the wild mustangs that roam there.

The principal addresses and resolutions of the 1968 National Leadership Conference will be published in booklet form as quickly as is mechanically possible. One copy will be mailed free to all Officers and Directors of HSUS Branches and Affiliates and to persons who attended the Conference. Other humane workers are also welcome to a free copy if they will send a written request to The HSUS, 1145 19th St., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036.

Conference Sets Plans, Programs For 1968 National Humane Work

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He reaffirmed that the Society will always follow the moral principle of "a creed of love and compassion that is due from the strong to the weak—that man is to live by the Golden Rule, with the rule extending to the lowest of earth's creatures."

Most of the afternoon of the first day was devoted to a panel discussion on humane education, with audience participation. The tone of the discussion was set in a speech by Dr. Robert Poppendieck, Director of Field Service, Bureau of Educational Personnel Development, U.S. Office of Education.

Dr. Poppendieck spoke of the existing gap between humane and general education. Allowing that "humane education is not now a major emphasis in schools," he said that its end result and that of general education are alike. Both call for development of compassion for others.

Dr. Poppendieck also emphasized that humane education is consistent with the development of ethical character and thus is to the total educational pattern "as the humane movement is to the social scene." He expressed the hope that people, inspired by the ideas in which humane education is rooted, will help to bridge the gap that now exists.

The speech was followed by a lively discussion moderated by Professor Richard K. Morris of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.

Dr. John B. Geissinger, Superintendent of Schools, Tenaflly, N. J., and a member of the Board of American Association of School Administrators participated. Other educator participants who contributed valuable ideas were Mrs. Elizabeth Bustard, Principal, Mougham School, Tenaflly, N. J., and Mrs. Odette Harris, Principal, William Penn High School, Philadelphia, Pa.

Active leaders of the humane movement also took part, guiding the discussion into methods by which humane ed-

ucation can be introduced into local school systems. Useful suggestions and recommendations on this aspect of the subject were made by Dr. Ethel Wolff, Director of Humane Education of the Women's SPCA in Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Jean Kelty, Director and Corresponding Secretary of the Animal Charity League of Youngstown, O.; Edwin J. Sayres, President of St. Hubert's Giralda in Madison, N. J.; Mrs. Lois Stevenson, Director, HSUS New Jersey Branch; and Dale Hylton, Program Director of HSUS's National Humane Education Center.

A sizable contingent of graduate students from Montclair State College (N. J.) also attended the session.

Major speeches on the second day of the conference covered the important areas of livestock protection, importation and exploitation of wildlife, the effectiveness of Public Law 89-544, and a report by Congressman Paul Rogers of Florida on efforts to win legislative protection for animals in medical research.

Mr. John C. Macfarlane, Livestock Department, Massachusetts SPCA and Vice President, Livestock Conservation, Inc., urged increased humane society activity to combat cruelty in animal husbandry, rural livestock auctions, and in the handling and transportation of food animals. His recommendations formed the basis of a formal resolution, adopted by the conference, to increase HSUS effort in this area.

Following reports on various activities affecting wildlife both nationally and internationally, Mrs. Henry Field of Miami, Florida spoke eloquently of how man's sensitivity has been blunted by the callous destruction of our natural environment. She condemned the keeping of animals under the unnatural conditions existing in zoos and similar places of exhibit. She advocated a code of ethics which recognizes a sympathetic

bond between all forms of life, a philosophy in harmony with humanitarianism.

Dr. D. F. Schwindaman, Chief Staff Veterinarian, Laboratory Animal Medicine and Technology, U.S. Department of Agriculture reported on the effectiveness of Public Law 89-544. His talk emphasized the value of the law in stopping unscrupulous animal dealers and the efficiency with which it is being enforced by USDA.

Reports on the operation of P.L. 89-544 from the humane movement's viewpoint at the national and state levels were given by HSUS Field Service Director Frank J. McMahon and New Jersey Branch Executive Director Donald Maxfield.

Congressman Paul Rogers was unable to attend the conference because of the pressures of his election campaign. He sent an address on laboratory animal legislation which was delivered by HSUS Director Alice Wagner.

In his report, Congressman Rogers admonished certain elements in the humane movement for not supporting his bill, H.R. 13168, because it does not meet their "Utopian ideals." He traced the history of laboratory animals legislation, pointing out how experience had brought responsible humane leaders to the realization that totally restrictive legislation of this kind simply would not be enacted. He emphasized the immensity of animal suffering his bill, if enacted, would stop and asked for all out support.

Principal speaker at the annual awards banquet on Saturday night, October 5, was Reverend David Poling, noted columnist and writer, President of the Christian Herald Association, and newly-elected member of The HSUS Board of Directors. Reverend Poling spoke on violence in our society and the identity, in many respects, of Christian and humane values.

Amy Freeman Lee of San Antonio, Texas, was toastmistress for the occasion. Her gentle charm, wit, and philosophy made the banquet a memorable event for all who attended.

Optimistic Report of Task Force Holds Hope of Stopping Clubbing

As reported in previous issues of the *News*, a Task Force, appointed by the U.S. Department of the Interior, went to the Pribilof Islands in July to find humane methods of conducting the annual seal harvest there. The Task Force, with HSUS representation, was appointed following strong protest by the Society and humanitarians against the cruel clubbing to death of seals on the islands.

HSUS Field Service Director Frank McMahon reported that present methods of harvest involve stress and suffering from the time the seals are separated from the main herd until they are finally clubbed to death. He stressed that, while there is a remarkable degree of accuracy in clubbing, a percentage of seals require multiple blows before expiring.

The Task Force also reported that many animals are driven unnecessarily and for needlessly long distances.

The Task Force consisted of Donald S. Balser, Chief of Basic Studies, Denver Wildlife Research Center; Dr. William H. Marshall, College of Biological Sciences, University of Minnesota; Calvin H. Pals, Staff Officer, Operations Branch, Livestock Slaughter Inspection Division, USDA; Ford Wilke, Director, Marine Mammal Biological Laboratory, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries; and HSUS President Mel L. Morse who was represented on the Pribilofs by McMahon. Two other observers and a consulting veterinarian also participated.

The Task Force report recommended that the distances seals are driven be shortened and drive paths from the hauling grounds be improved by filling depressions and clearing away large obstacles.

It was also recommended that assistance be given to the foreman to supervise the hunt more closely and two relief clubbers be trained to help reduce fatigue among the clubbers. Further recommendations included that groups of animals to be killed be limited to 6

or 8 and all injured seals be promptly dispatched.

The Task Force tested as humane methods of killing, carbon dioxide, electricity, the Schermer concussion bolt stunner, the penetrating type bolt pistol, and .22 caliber rifle fire using non-toxic pulverising cartridges. The results were inconclusive although some held promise of suitability with further development.

Rogers Report on Lab Legislation Stresses Need to Face Reality

In a report to the recent HSUS annual conference, Congressman Paul Rogers stressed the need for humanitarians to face the reality of what is involved in gaining passage of a laboratory animal law.

He traced the history of the humane movement's unsuccessful campaign so far for such legislation. He explained that the early bills introduced were too restrictive to ever have stood any chance of enactment. He said that his own bill, HR 13168, had most of the provisions desired by humanitarians and would, if enacted, relieve an immensity of animal suffering.

Classifying HR 13168 as legislation "as strong as possible within the limits of possible passage," Mr. Rogers urged that the humane movement give it full support. He condemned as "useless, self-defeating, and unrealistic" the attitude of some humane organizations that have not supported HR 13168 because it would not end *all* animal suffering in research facilities.

Delegates to The HSUS conference agreed generally with the Congressman's remarks. It is anticipated that most will strongly support Mr. Rogers' bill when it is reintroduced in the new Congress in January, 1969.

USDA Ruling Hits N.J. Dog Warden Who Sells Animals to Research

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has determined that Frank Grohsman, Lodi, New Jersey must obtain a license under Public Law 89-544 since he is involved in the sale of animals to research laboratories. The ruling classifies the New Jersey dog warden as a dealer under the new law.

Grohsman, who owns and operates the Humane Animal Shelter in Lodi, is under contract to about forty communities in New Jersey to provide a stray dog pickup and removal service. Reportedly, he takes the stray animals to his shelter where they are held for a short period of time before transfer to New Windsor Farms in New York.

New Windsor Farms sells animals to research institutions in the New York area. It is owned by the Grohsman family and holds a federal license under Public Law 89-544 issued to Patrick Grella, a brother-in-law of Frank Grohsman.

The HSUS and its New Jersey Branch have received numerous complaints about the Grohsman operation over the years. The major complaint is that Grohsman has not been allowing people to go through his shelter to look for lost pets.

Under the USDA ruling, Grohsman will have to meet minimum standards established under Public Law 89-544. It will also be clear to New Jersey pet owners that animals picked up by Grohsman may find their way into the channels of supply to research facilities.

It is reported, also, that USDA is reviewing the entire dog warden situation in New Jersey and all wardens who are trafficking in animals for research will have to be licensed.

A copy of The HSUS bylaws, as amended by the recent referendum, is being mailed with this *News* to every member of record.

Dierolf Farms Charged With Violation of Lab Animal Welfare Act

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has charged Dierolf Farms, Inc., of Boyerstown, Pa., with violations of Public Law 89-544, which licenses and regulates suppliers of certain species of animals to research institutions.

The USDA complaint alleges that Dierolf Farms failed to identify 30 dogs with an official USDA tag during delivery to a licensed dealer on July 18, 1967. It also alleges that the defendant wrongfully removed tags from 64 dogs shipped to the Boyertown farm by Rocky Lane Kennels, Edinburg, Va.

Dierolf Farms also assertedly failed to affix tags in another case, transported cats, dogs, and rabbits in crates not accessible for emergency removal, and sold cats without holding them the required five days.

The federal law is administered and enforced by USDA and the action against Dierolf Farms will be by administrative proceedings, the first since passage of the law in August 1966. It is expected that a hearing on the charges will be scheduled in late October.

If the hearing examiner finds that the law has been violated, USDA is empowered to suspend or revoke Dierolf Farms' dealer license.

Dierolf Farms is one of the nation's largest commercial kennels supplying animals for medical research. In past years, it has been the object of a number of raids by agents of The HSUS, the Berks County (Pa.) Animal Rescue League, and the Pottstown (Pa.) Animal Rescue League.

If you plan to help through your will to carry on animal protection work in the future, you should read the booklet, "How to Stretch Your Humane Society Dollars and How to Write a Will." Write for a free copy to The HSUS, 1145 19th St., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036.

Probe Of Dog Pound

THE HUMANE Society of the United States, which recently asked for a full-scale investigation of the Muskingum County Dog Pound, deserves a pat on its back for having the spunk to keep up its efforts toward humanizing people in the face of opposition.

And it should also be commended for so swiftly taking necessary steps toward improving sorrowful impoundment conditions and outright violations of state law at the pound here.

In these bureaucratic days, it is reassuring to know that such a justly crusading and rapidly acting organization exists and is able

to function without having to go through countless "channels."

When lives and physical conditions of impounded animals are involved in the numbers present at the county's Newark road pound, expediency is truly a blessing. Humane treatment is just as important in the handling of one pet as in the handling of one hundred. And the sooner we get it at the county pound, the better.

The national society was entirely justified in calling for an open probe into an otherwise closed operation at the Muskingum County Pound. The results will justify the means.

This editorial in the Zanesville (Ohio) *Times Record* is a significant example of the way in which your Society works for suffering animals every day of the week.

HSUS field agents are on the job when local units of government neglect or ignore the problems of animal control in their communities.

Expert HSUS advice and information is on hand when the problems of humane society organization, management, and operation become too complex for local humane leaders.

HSUS representatives are on the road constantly, traveling to distant points to stop national cruelties, probe inside the sacrosanct confines of research laboratories, raid cruel animal dealers, and work to stop cock-fighting, dogfights, rodeos, and all the other forms of brutality by which man so callously exploits helpless animals.

HSUS spokesmen are there when legislative or governmental bodies consider animal seizure proposals, laws affecting domestic animals, or measures that might threaten wildlife or other animals.

But in all of these things, The HSUS is there—*only* if *you* care. It is there because you care and because you have helped to contribute the means by which we can be aggressively present whenever the fate of animals is at stake.

Without your help, The HSUS can't be anywhere. Just imagine that, if you will. Look over your past issues of this *News* and read what has been done with your help. The question will surely rise in your mind, "*What couldn't they do if they had enough money?*"

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Humane Society Action Convicts Cruel Animal Handlers at Auction

In mid-August, The HSUS joined forces with the Williamsport (Pa.) SPCA and Pennsylvania state police to investigate the Lycoming Livestock Auction in Williamsport.

HSUS Field Service Director Frank McMahon and Williamsport SPCA Investigator Lester Yeagle observed the auction before filing charges of cruelty to animals against three adult and two juvenile handlers.

McMahon reported that livestock treatment was more brutal than any he had seen at any auction. He said that one handler kept lashing calves across the face and eyes with a heavy whip. Two other handlers kept beating, prodding, and goading even when there was no place for the abused animals to move. Hogs were caned and whipped without mercy while being moved to the weighing scales.

A common act, McMahon said, was for handlers to jab calves beneath the rib cage with such force that the calves would bellow. The handlers would also repeatedly shove their canes into the rectums of animals already moving satisfactorily. One handler wielded his cane like a baseball bat and repeatedly kicked animals around the head, eyes, neck, and shoulders.

The charges of cruelty to animals against these handlers were filed before Justice of the Peace John P. Ritter, South Williamsport. Justice Ritter issued summons and the three adult handlers were convicted in the subsequent trial. They were fined \$100 each plus court costs.

Bloodless Bullfight Attempt Defeated in Baltimore, Maryland

Humanitarians and humane societies in Maryland, led by The HSUS, have defeated an attempt to stage so-called bloodless bullfights in the Baltimore Civic Center.

HSUS protests condemned the fights as cruel, exploitative, and in violation of the general anti-cruelty laws of the state. The Society also pointed out that bulls used in such spectacles are teased, tormented, and tortured.

After discussion of The HSUS position before the Civic Center Commission, the bullfight promoter decided to withdraw his application for a permit.

HSUS Welcomes Texas Society as Affiliate

The Smith County Humane Society of Tyler, Texas has become the newest HSUS Affiliate. At its meeting in October, The HSUS Board of Directors unanimously approved the local society's application for affiliation.

The Tyler organization is expanding its facilities and remodeling its present shelter. It has been doing an outstanding job of animal rescue and control work under tight financial circumstances. Its shelter is a retrieving station for stray pets under a contract with the City of Tyler.

The Society is also carrying forward humane education and other programs and maintains standards higher than the minimum required for affiliation with The HSUS.

State Award Goes to Former President of Minnesota Branch

On behalf of The HSUS Minnesota Branch, Governor Harold LeVander presented the state "Humanitarian of the Year" award to Peter Nielsen of Lake Elmo, Minnesota.

Nielsen was honored for his many years of activity in state and local humane work. He was cited for his dedicated leadership as past president of The HSUS Minnesota Branch. He was praised for building with his own funds the Animal Adoption Center in Afton and operating it in the best interest of animals locally.

The award is the highest given at the state level of humane work.

Society Adopts Data Processing System

The HSUS is changing its present system of record keeping to data processing.

The Society is making the change for greater economy and efficiency of operation. A large clerical staff will not be needed to maintain records of the HSUS's growing membership and more funds can be made available for educational programs, cruelty investigations, and those continuing activities that bring relief to millions of suffering animals.

Data processing will also make mailings to members much easier and the *News* may become a self mailer. HSUS state branches can also benefit by a reduction in paper work and expense.

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